

MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting  
March 22, 2001

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:31 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2001, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman James S. Burgett.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, and James S. Burgett.

Walter C. Zaremba and H. R. Ashe were absent.

Also in attendance were James O. McReynolds, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET**

EDUCATION

Mr. McReynolds gave a brief overview of the education funding proposed for FY02. Local funding per pupil, including operations and debt, has gone up from \$1,469 in FY91 to \$2,855 as proposed for FY02. Per pupil cost for local financing for operations only has risen from \$1,208 in FY91 to \$2,381 as proposed for FY02. Total per pupil spending has risen from \$4,109 in FY91 to \$6,573 as proposed for FY02, and the pupil/teacher ratio is continuing to improve.

Mrs. Noll asked how the figures compared to other school divisions in the state.

Mr. McReynolds stated York County was better than average but not in the high end.

Chairman Burgett stated he felt the figures spoke well for the County and were an indication of the high quality education being provided to the County's students.

Mr. McReynolds then reviewed the revenue projections in the budget for the schools and expressed his concern that the 1.9 percent increase from the state was only hopeful. The federal amount was up because of increased impact aid. He stated that overall the school budget was up 4.5 percent over the FY01 budget. He then reviewed the figures contained in the School Board's budget that was just adopted which did not include the additional \$225,000 in local funding and an additional \$207,611 in federal funding.

Mrs. Noll asked if there had been an increase in federal funding for special education.

Mr. McReynolds stated the \$207,611 additional federal funding was to meet special education needs.

Discussion followed on school funding and the School Board's responsibility to allocate that funding.

Mrs. Noll asked the status of the maintenance question raised by the School Board.

Mr. McReynolds stated staff was beginning to design the specifications for a Request for Bid. Staff anticipates this happening by late summer or early fall and evaluations and recommendations by mid-December. He noted this would provide information for a possible recommendation for the FY03 budget. Mr. McReynolds stated the County would also put in a bid that staff hopes will be competitive.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. McReynolds provided a listing of contributions provided in the proposed FY02 budget showing the requested amount by the agency as well as the amount contained in the FY01 budget.

At this time Mr. McReynolds and the Board members reviewed each of the entries, and the staff provided clarification as requested.

Mrs. Noll asked that the Board revisit some of the requests if there were any extra funds at the end of the year.

Mr. Zaremba arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Zaremba indicated that some of the activities were dependent on state funding. He asked at what funding level the County would be impacted if the organizations did not receive needed funds from the state.

Mr. McReynolds stated no information had come from Richmond as yet, and he would expect that there would be some requests for funding. It all depended on what comes out of the Governor's budget. He stated he felt the mandatory services would be funded, but many of the discretionary services would not. The County was now giving what it could, and it can't afford to bail these agencies out because then the state would never fund them.

Discussion followed on the state funding shortfall.

Chairman Burgett expressed his reservation about the continuation of the Zweibrucken Adult Exchange Program. He stated he would like the Board to take a more in-depth look at the program before the next budget cycle.

Mr. Wiggins questioned why there was no contribution listed for the Watermen's Museum.

Mr. McReynolds stated funding for the Watermen's Museum was covered through the Tourism Funds.

Mrs. Noll indicated the Board had received a letter from the Watermen's Museum asking for a grant for operating funds. He asked the Board to consider funding a letter campaign to all County residents telling them that the County will match any contributions up to a certain dollar amount. She stated about 22,000 letters would cost approximately \$7,000.

Chairman Burgett indicated this procedure could be applied to a lot of other organizations as well. He stated the Board would look at this idea after the budget had been adopted.

Mr. Wiggins thanked Mr. McReynolds for finding the funding for the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board for its director position.

Mr. Zaremba stated this had been the 6th time he had been through the County budget cycle, and he commended Mr. McReynolds for the tight package he had put together. He stated Mr. McReynolds had done a great job meeting the Board's requirements.

Meeting Adjourned. At 7:38 p.m. Chairman Burgett declared the meeting adjourned to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in the East Room, York Hall, for the purpose of conducting a work session.

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James O. McReynolds, Clerk  
York County Board of Supervisors

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James S. Burgett, Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors